## CLAIMS:

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- 1. An inspection system for inspection of an object, comprising:
- at least one image recording unit carried by an inspector,
- a display unit,
- 5 a storage unit and
  - a contact free positioning unit,

the storage unit being arranged to store at least one image taken by said image recording unit in relation to a position given by said positioning unit and/or a time index, said system further including means for storing images digitally and performing a search for an event by means of a time, position and/or event index, and means for connecting a time and/or a position index with said position and image and a note, wherein said image recording unit is arranged to be movable on an inspecting entity.

- 2. The system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising means for storing images digitally and performing a search for an event by means of a time, position and/or event index.
  - 3. The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said positioning unit comprises:
- a transmitter/receiver placed at a known position adjacent the object to be inspected,

a receiver/transmitter placed on said inspecting entity, whereby the transmitter/receiver sends a coded sound signal and the receiver/transmitter responds with a coded signal, which is received by the transmitter/receiver and the position of the receiver/transmitter is decided with assistance of time and direction.

4. The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said positioning unit comprises:

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a number of probes placed at known positions, a transmitter placed on the inspecting entity, whereby the transmitter sends a sound signal, and the probes receive the signal and decide the position of the transmitter with assistance from a time difference between the probes, and the known positions are received either by placing the probes against the object or connecting the probes to a positioning system to which the object is connected.

- 5. The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said positioning unit comprises:
- a digital compass module which includes a number of magnetic axes and tilting sensors and compensates for the inclination of the magnetic axes, such that the compass module keeps track of its position.
- 6. The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said positioning unit includes an inertia gyro to sense direction and speed, and to keep track of its position with reference to a given start position.
  - 7. The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inspecting entity is a diver.
  - 8. The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inspecting entity is a robot.
- 9. The system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a database
  25 arranged to store incoming data including a model of the object, one or more images
  recorded by the image recording unit, a position of the positioning unit, sound from a
  sound recording unit and remarks provided with time index.

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- 10. The system as claimed in claim 9, wherein input signals of the database comprise:
  - (a) one or more drawings of the object which comprises a ship, which are reprocessed to a model of the ship,
  - (b) sound on one or more channels, which are converted to a standard format and provided with a time index,
    - (c) video signal which is converted to a standard format, provided with timeindex and eventually compressed,
    - (d) position being converted to a relative position provided with a time index, and
    - (e) remarks which are brought in via a user interface, provided with a time index and stored.
- The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said positioning means is a GPS (Global Positioning System base).
  - 12. A method for inspecting an object using a system having at least one image recording means mounted on a moving inspecting entity, a display unit and a storing unit, the method comprising: providing a contact free positioning unit, arranging the storing unit for storing at least one image taken by said image recording means in relation to a given position by said positioning unit and/or time index and connecting a time and/or position index with said position and image and a note.
- 13. The method as claimed in claim 12, further comprising the step of connecting a time and/or position index with said position and image and a note.
  - 14. A submarine based inspection system for inspection of an object, comprising:

- at least one image recording unit carried by a robot,
- a storage unit and
- a positioning unit,

the storage unit being arranged to store at least one image taken by said image recording unit in relation to a position given by said positioning unit and/or a time index, said system further including means for storing images digitally and performing a search for an event by means of a time, position and/or event index, and means for connecting a time and/or a position index with said position and image and a note, wherein said image recording unit is arranged to be movable on an inspecting entity.

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- 15. The system of claim 14, wherein said robot is arranged with three image recorders.
  - 16. The system of claim 14, wherein said object is a pipeline.

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- 17. An air based inspection system arranged on a flying craft for inspection of an object, comprising:
  - at least one image recording unit carried by said flying craft,
  - a storage unit and
- 20 a positioning unit,

the storage unit being arranged to store at least one image taken by said image recording unit in relation to a position given by said positioning unit and/or a time index, said system further including means for storing images digitally and performing a search for an event by means of a time, position and/or event index, and means for connecting a time and/or a position index with said position and image and a note, wherein said image recording means is arranged to be movable on an inspecting entity.

- 18. The system of claim 17, wherein said object includes roads, overhead power lines, forests, bridges, and/or geographic features.
- 19. A ground based inspection system arranged on a vehicle for inspection5 of an object, comprising:
  - at least one image recording unit carried by said vehicle,
  - a storage unit and
  - a positioning unit,

the storage unit being arranged to store at least one image taken by said image recording unit in relation to a position given by said positioning unit and/or a time index, said system further including means for storing images digitally and performing a search for an event by means of a time, position and/or event index, and means for connecting a time and/or a position index with said position and image and a note, wherein said image recording means is arranged to be movable on an inspecting entity.

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- 20. The system of claim 19, wherein said object includes roads, overhead power lines, forests, bridges, and/or geographic features.
- 21. A ground based inspection system carried by a person for inspection or event recording, comprising:
  - at least one image recording unit carried by said person,
  - a storage unit and
  - a positioning unit,

the storage unit being arranged to store at least one image taken by said image recording unit in relation to a position given by said positioning unit and/or a time index, said system further including means for storing images digitally and performing a search for an event by means of a time, position and/or event index, and means for

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connecting a time and/or a position index with said position and image and a note, wherein said image recording means is arranged to be movable on an inspecting entity.

- 22. A system for inspection of interior of a pipe system, comprising:
- at least one image recording unit carried by a robot,
- a storage unit and
- a positioning unit,

the storage unit being arranged to store at least one image taken by said image recording unit in relation to a position given by said positioning unit and/or a time index, said system further including means for storing images digitally and performing a search for an event by means of a time, position and/or event index, and means for connecting a time and/or a position index with said position and image and a note, wherein said image recording means is arranged to be movable on an inspecting entity.